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# SOVIET MILITARY ORDER OF BATTLE NORTH CAUCASUS MD



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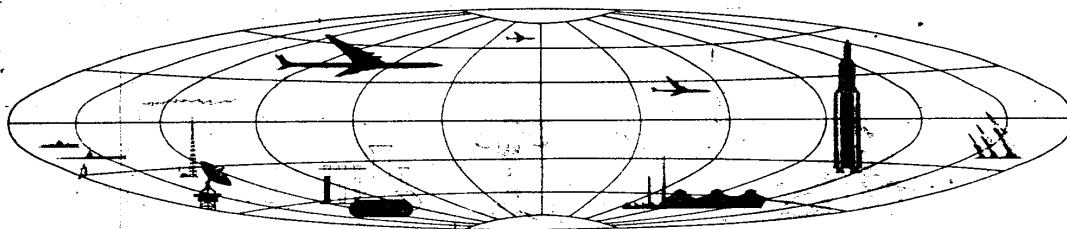


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# PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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ORDZHONIKIDZE AMMUNITION DEPOT CHERMEN WEST

(43-08-30N 044-37-50E)

ORDZHONIKIDZE, SEVERO-OSETINSKAYA, ASSR, USSR

NORTH CAUCASUS MD

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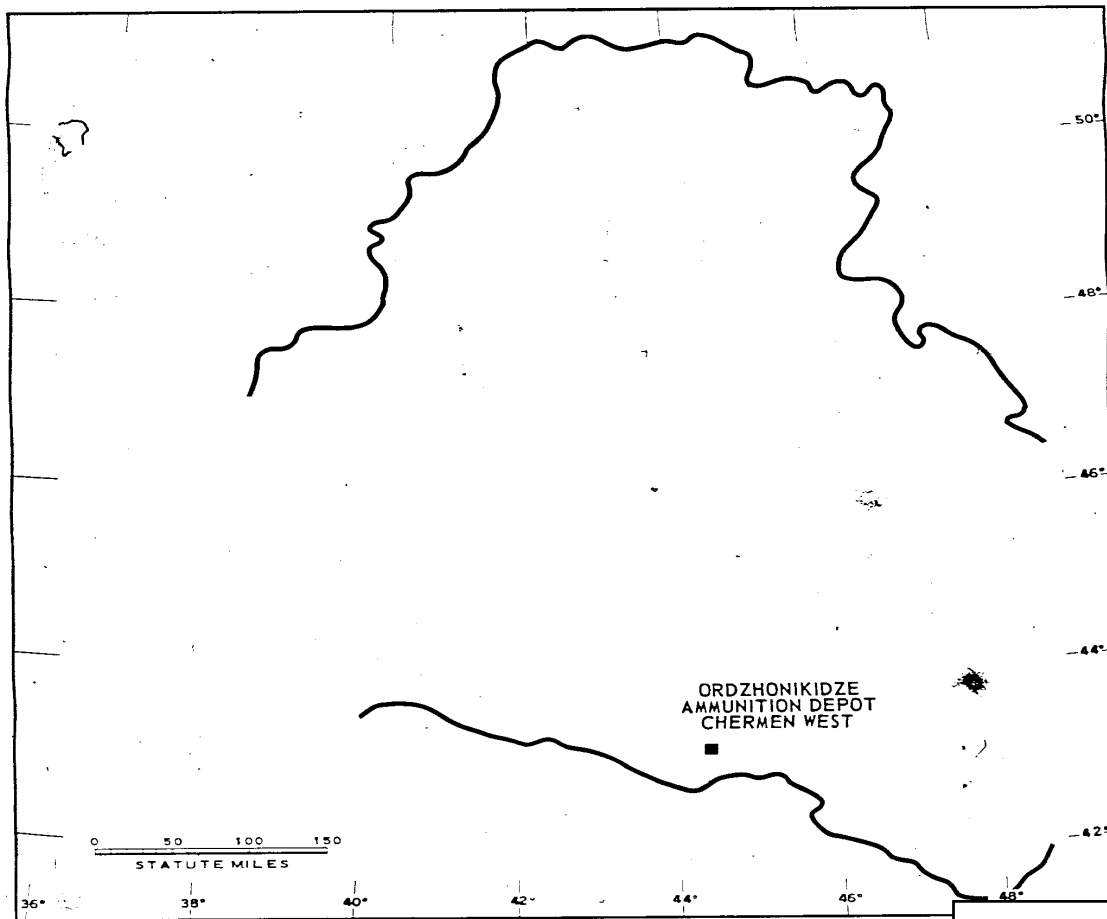


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF ORDZHONIKIDZE AMMUNITION DEPOT CHERMEN WEST.

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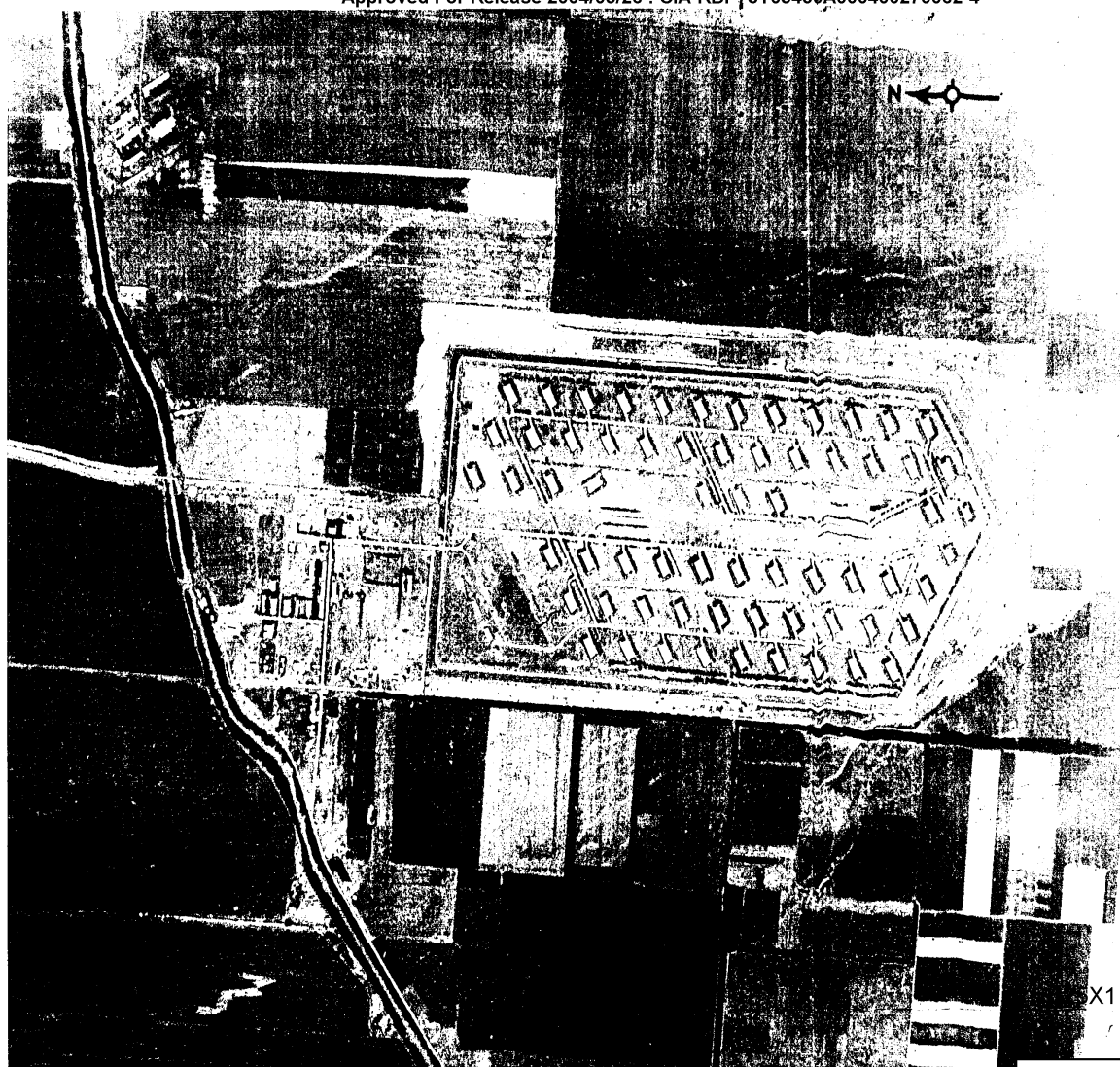


FIGURE 2. ORDZHONIKIDZE AMMUNITION DEPOT CHERMEN WEST.

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## SUMMARY

This large ammunition depot is located 16 kilometers (km) northwest of the town of Ordzhonikidze and 14 km southeast of the town of Beslan (Figure 1).

The installation covers 771 acres and consists of 2 rail off-loading areas, administrative and troop housing areas, 2 explosives storage areas, 2 equipment storage/maintenance areas, and a driver-training area (Figures

2 and 3).

The revetted buildings with earthen blast walls in front and the earthen blast walls at the transloading points indicate that only conventional explosives are handled.

This installation was covered by [redacted] photography on [redacted]. A comparison of these 2 missions revealed no significant changes.

## DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A single-track rail spur serves the revetted off-loading buildings (A). There are two 400-foot trackside docks.

Road Service

A hard-surface road (B) connects the ammunition depot to the towns of Ordzhonikidze and Beslan.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 1 U-shaped administration building, 7 multistory barracks, 6 single-story barracks, a mess hall, and 15 support buildings.

Area D2 contains a main gate security building and 14 single-family housing buildings.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 contains 63 revetted 175- by 70-foot

ammunition storage buildings, 2 support buildings, 1 main security building, 4 internal security buildings, and 4 guard towers.

Area F2 contains 2 revetted 100- by 60-foot ammunition storage buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains 2 vehicle maintenance buildings, one 80 by 40 feet and one 100 by 50 feet; 2 equipment storage buildings, one 80 by 40 feet and one 60 by 40 feet; and 7 support buildings.

Area J2 contains 6 support buildings and 1 probable vehicle parking area.

Driver-Training Area

Area M is an oval which is probably used for road-testing installation vehicles.

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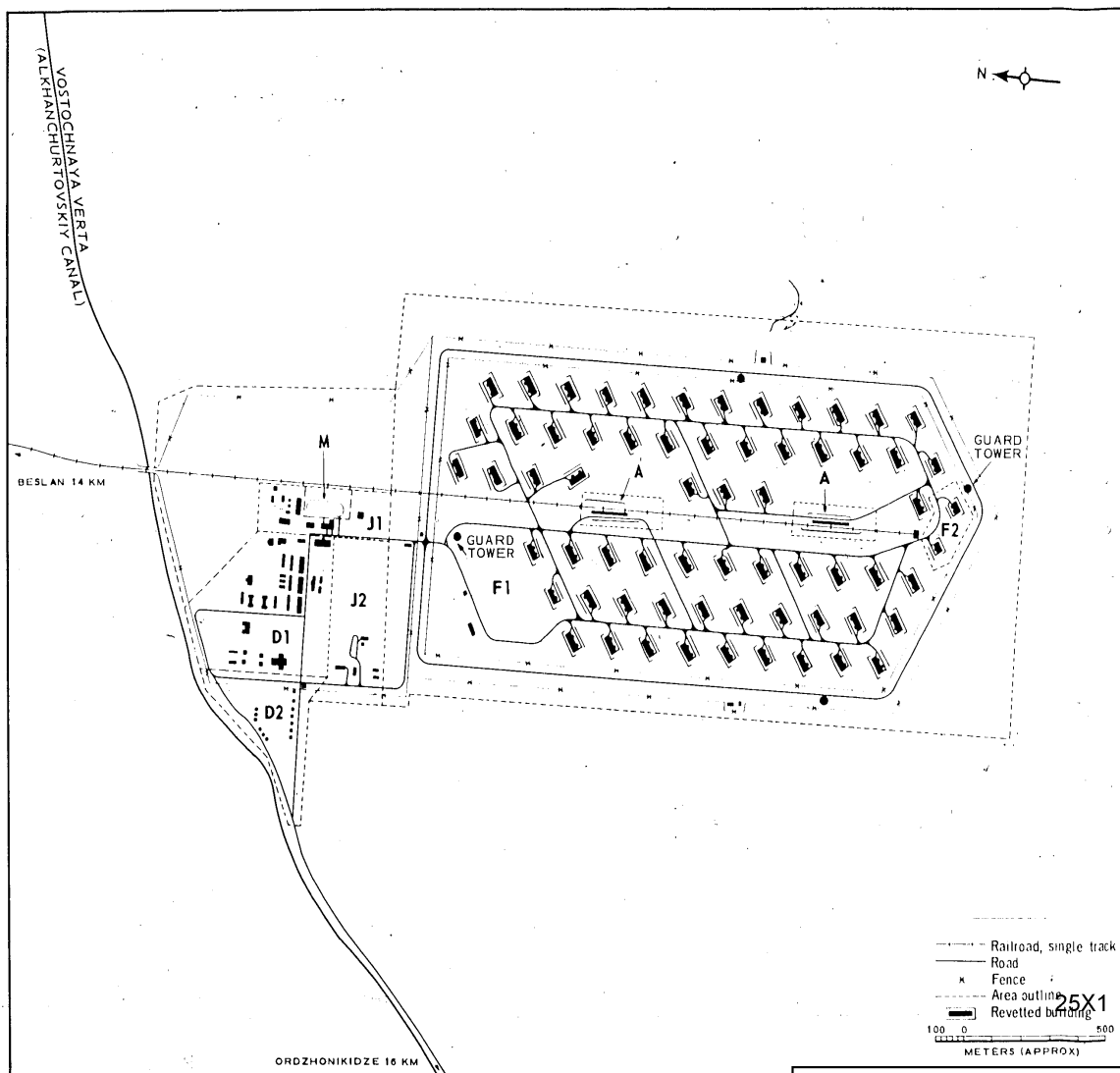


FIGURE 3. ORDZHONIKIDZE AMMUNITION DEPOT CHERMEN WEST. Sketch compiled from

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